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PRESIDENT: Maybe Senator Marvel cares to respond. Or, I see they're visiting back there.

SENATOR CARPENTER: My point is there's no fiscal note, there's no A-bill and there won't be, it's not in the budget. All this will be is authorization for my people to give this gift to the State of Nebraska without any obligation.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Marvel, do you care to respond?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, if there's no A-bill connected with it, there's no money involved then that's a different matter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move we read the bill.

PRESIDENT: Is there need for further discussion? Is there, are there any objections to reading LB 179 on Final Reading? Any objections? Senator Lewis, do you object? All right, well stand by then. Go ahead and take a look. Senator Schmidt, for what reason would you like to be recognized? Okay, thank you. Senator Snyder, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SNYDER: Well, a question of someone if I may, Mr. President. There is a fiscal note and according to my evaluation from the Legislative Fiscal Analyst it says it should be noted that first-year start up costs will be negligible compared to future costs required to develop, maintain and improve instructional programs. I don't know what the figures are but the statement is there. Now it's my understanding that we were going to take no bills that had anything to do with money on Final Reading and I thought we had bound ourselves to that pact.

PRESIDENT: Stand by. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's all we're doing, there's no

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A-bill, without an A-bill there can be no appropriation. And I assure this body there will not be an A-bill and I assure this body it will not be in 259 or any other appropriation bill. I don't care what the fiscal note says, I'm saying the facts of life, there's no A-bill on the board, there's no A-bill being introduced. I want this body to determine whether or not you want to accept a gift from my people free and clear of all encumbrance or you don't. We don't care if you never spend a nickel. We want you to take it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, the fiscal note I think we all know just represents an interpretation by the fiscal staff and does not necessarily, factual. It's one man's opinion or two men's opinion. I move we read LB 179.

PRESIDENT: Once again, are there objections to 179? Senator Lewis, are you objecting?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, I'm objecting. I can't quite understand how we're explaining away a fiscal note of over a million dollars here. We're obligating someone to this extent apparently.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Carpenter.